

REMARKS

Claims 10-19 have been examined. Claims 10, 11, 12 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 13-15, 17 and 18 contain allowable subject matter.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 10, 11, 12 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kitazawa (US 5,757,182).

A. Claim 10

Applicant submits that claim 10 is patentable over the cited reference. For example, claim 10 recites that the rotor has salient poles. Applicant submits that Kitazawa fails to disclose that the rotor 5 has salient poles.

At least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that claim 10 is patentable over the cited reference.

B. Claims 11 and 12

Since claims 11 and 12 are dependent upon claim 10, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

C. Claim 19

Since claim 19 contains features that are analogous to the features recited in claim 10, Applicant submits that claim 19 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as set forth above.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kitazawa in view of Li (US 5,866,964). However, since claim 16 is dependent upon claim 10, and Li fails to cure the deficient teachings of Kitazawa, in regard to claim 10, Applicant submits that claim 16 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

As set forth above, the Examiner has indicated that claims 13-15, 17 and 18 contain allowable subject matter.

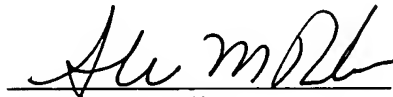
IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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